THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Government does not regulate the charges levied by private channels and cable operators and neither does it maintain data in this respect. According to available information, there is a dispute between STAR TV and M/s Oretal both of whom are private companies. Government has no *locus standi* in the matter.

Syllabus in Government Medical Colleges

†*396. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government medical colleges in the country;

(b) whether there is a uniform syllabus in all Government medical colleges;

(c) if so, whether all the medical colleges have been provided with similar facilities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) There are 113 Government Medical Colleges functioning in the country out of which 106 are recognised by the Medical Council of India and 7 have been permitted u/s 10A of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, by the Central Government.

All the medical colleges in Government or in non-governmental sector have to follow the Regulations of the Medical Council of India on Graduate Medical Education, 1997, which gives the details of the curriculum to be taught at the MBBS level by the concerned colleges.

The medical colleges, whether in the Government or in the non-Government sector, are required to provide infrastructural facilities depending on the intake capacity including staff etc. for imparting medical education as per the Minimum Standard Requirement for the Medical College Regulations, 1999.

Amendment in the Representation of People Act

†*397. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any policy for

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bringing comprehensive changes in the Representation of People Act keeping in view the corruption prevailing in politics and the increasing tendency of criminalisation of politics;

(b) whether Government propose to evolve a code of conduct in respect of elected representatives of people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Government is continuously exploring ways and means of bringing about reforms in electoral laws especially with a view to making the electoral process clean and free from criminal and corrupt influences. In this regard, the Government has before it the recommendations made by different bodies/individuals like the Dinesh Goswami Committee, the Indrajit Gupta Committee, the Election Commission of India, the Law Commission of India, etc. and various proposals based on their recommendations are required to be discussed with the political parties at the appropriate time and concretized.

(b) to (d) The evolving of a Code of Conduct for legislators is a matter for the Legislatures and the Government has no intention to interfere in the matter.

Bifurcation of National Commission for SCs/STs

*398. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to bifurcate National Commission for SCs/STs into two separate Commissions;

(b) if so, the salient features of the decision;

(c) whether Government propose to extend the tenure of the Chairman and Members of the Commission till its bifurcation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?